

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 53-56, 58 and 63 as follows:

53. (amended) An anticode oligomer complementary to bcl-2 mRNA consisting of from 18-35 bases and comprising the nucleotide sequence TCTCCCAGCGTGCGCCAT (SEQ ID NO:17).

54. (amended) An anticode oligomer, wherein said anticode oligomer is an antisense oligonucleotide complementary to a portion of the pre-mRNA encoding the human bcl-2 gene.

E³ 55. (amended) The anticode oligomer of Claim 54, wherein said anticode oligomer is an antisense oligonucleotide complementary to a portion of the region of a splice acceptor site or splice donor site of the pre-mRNA encoding the human bcl-2 gene.

56. (amended) An anticode oligomer, wherein said anticode oligomer is an antisense oligonucleotide complementary to a portion of the 5'-untranslated region of the human bcl-2 mRNA.

E⁴ 58. (amended) The anticode oligomer of Claim 53, wherein said anticode oligomer contains at least one phosphorothioate-modified nucleotide and is complementary to a portion of the pre-mRNA or mRNA encoding the human bcl-2 gene.

E⁵ 63. (amended) The anticode oligomer of Claim 53, wherein said anticode oligomer contains at least one phosphoramidate-modified nucleotide and is complementary to a portion of the pre-mRNA or mRNA encoding the human bcl-2 gene.